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The remarkable steadfastness and consistency with which the Berlin Vorwaerts has adhered to the historic position of the socialists against aggressive warfare is emphasized by the action of the executive committee of the party in repudiating the paper as its official organ. "The Vorwaerts," says the committee, "does not fulfil its duty as the mouthpiece of the party." That its views are not those of the present party majority has at least been evident for some time. In the United States, it may be said, that the old issue of a "party-owned" press may be revived by the editorial difficulties of the American Socialist amid the conflicting views of party leaders in respect to the war—Springfield Republican.

The palmy days of the party newspaper organ are gone never to return. The Republican who reads only partisan Republican newspapers and the Democrat who fails to read any but his own party editorials are deliberately pulling down the curtains of their mind and shutting out light. Practically all newspapers of any value are independent in the main. They take sides on issues as they come up according to the views of their owners but no longer stick through thick and thin to any organization. There is another class of publications like the American Economist of the Republicans, Mack's Monthly of the Democrats, the Call of the Socialists, the Issue of the Prohibitionists and similar organs which nobody but the partisans of the propaganda ever read except by accident. They are like any other habit such as smoking, chewing gum or overeating. Their duty and place in life is not to present facts or discuss public questions from the standpoint of an open mind but to supply their own partisans with arguments and ammunition and to hold them in line at all hazards, and from this point of view they serve a legitimate purpose and receive the support which they deserve. The decision of the Berlin Socialists that the Vorwaerts no longer presents their view is about the same as if a convention of high protectionists in this country should solemnly resolve that the American Economist is no longer to be trusted as the mouthpiece of the high tariff extremists. All during the war one of the favorite amusements of the partisans has been to quote newspapers from the country of the enemy to prove some contention. In this way the English have been able to show from certain German newspapers that Germany is starving, that bread riots are of daily occurrence and that utter defeat is near at hand. Likewise German partisans prove by certain English papers that England is on the verge of rebellion, that men won't enlist and that England is about to give up the struggle. The lesson of it all is that not much is to be learned from an organ or partisan publication of any kind. There are newspapers and magazines, both small and great, which are reasonably fair and which try to present both sides. Their editors may not always get entirely away from personal views in the editorial columns, but in a general sense they try to present a view of the whole scene and not merely from one point of view. This class of publications are the only ones that are of any particular value in the actual search for information.

### Both Expert In Logic.

"Tom," said a father to his son, whose school report showed him to have been an idle young scoundrel, "what have you been studying this term?"

"Logic, father," replied Tom. "I can prove you are not here now."

"Indeed! How so?"

"Well, you must be either at Rome or elsewhere."

"You are not at Rome?"

"No."

"Then you must be elsewhere."

"Just so."

"And if you are elsewhere you clearly can't be here."

For answer the father took up a cane that lay near and laid it smartly across his son's back.

"Don't!" cried Tom. "You are hurting me."

"Not at all. You have just proved conclusively that I am not here, so I can't be hurting you."

Before his stern parent had quite done with him Tom felt that there must be, after all, a flaw somewhere in his logic.—London Tit-Bits.

### The Comforter.

"I understand Mrs. Green is very ill."

"That's so? What's the matter?"

"The doctor thinks it's pleurisy."

"Oh, my. I must hurry right over to see! I know dozens of people who died of that."—Detroit Free Press.

## MODEL CITY CHARTER PLAN

Outlined by Committee of National Municipal League.

### COUNCILMEN AS DIRECTORS

Object is to Organize the American City Closely on the Lines of a Bank or a Railroad, Including Infusing the Idea of Democracy.

After two years of wrestling with the great task of outlining a model city charter the special committee of the National Municipal League laid an outline or draft before that body at a meeting recently held in Dayton, O., in conjunction with other municipal associations.

The committee would organize the American city closely on the lines of a bank, a railroad—only infusing the idea of democracy.

The city council would stand in place of the board of directors. According to the size of the city, the number of councilmen would range from five to twenty-five. They would be elected at large in nonpartisan elections held on days separate from all other elections. Candidates would run as nonpartisans and without designation on ballots printed so that the names would be rotated in order of precedence.

The committee advocates "election by a preferential vote based on proportional representation, if possible." Terms of councilmen would be four years.

The council would elect one of its members mayor, to serve as the recognized legal head of the city, and would also appoint a city manager, a clerk and a civil service commission of three members for six year terms, removable only by a four-fifths vote of the council and only after written charges and hearing.

Recall of elected councilmen and the initiative and referendum on ordinances were incorporated in the draft, but not by unanimous vote of the councilmen.

The council thus created would be the legislative body, the financial body and the policy determining body, as is the directorate of a bank.

All administrative functions would be turned over to the city manager. He would hold a position corresponding to that of the president in a bank. The draft specifically provides that he would be wholly responsible to the council.

The charter provides fullest freedom in administration for him. Councilmen would be forbidden to deal with any one connected with the administrative service except through the city manager. Any attempt to give orders or otherwise interfere would be made a misdemeanor and penalized by fine and imprisonment.

The city manager would run the city. He would select and employ directors of departments of (1) law, (2) health, (3) finance, (4) safety and (5) works. These directors would be responsible to and only removable by the city manager. They would report only to him.

The term of office of the city manager would be indefinite. He would be removable by the city council only after a public hearing if he had held the office for six months. The draft specifically provides that the choice of a manager would not be limited to the city or state. The committee points out that the German system of advertising for a burgemeister has been "highly successful."

The finances of the city would be on the budget system plan. Provisions are made to prevent or make difficult shifting of appropriations except in dire emergencies.

Methods of levying taxes and making loans and provisions for safeguarding bond issues are included in the draft. Publicity of all contracts and purchases involving more than a stated

### Do You Feel Headachy? Look To Your Stomach

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expenditure is also provided. Municipalization of public utilities would be permitted and the life of private franchises, as a rule, limited to thirty years.

Such a system of government as is outlined in the model charter offers, the committee believes, a great opportunity for efficient and efficient administration and at the same time democratic government. It is offered as a great improvement over the old forms, but not as the panacea for all municipal government shortcomings whose rectification lies wholly in the people.

The model city charter indicates a break in the way for highly centralized commission city manager form of government. There has been in some quarters an urgent demand for the widest of powers centralized in the city manager. Under the model city charter the council is held as the legislative and policy board, with the control of finances, and the city manager is made absolute only in operation of the city under determined policies. In the discussions there was strong opposition to any absolute centralization of control. Municipal government must not, it was urged, be permitted, even in behalf of efficiency, to become autocratic. The democratic

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